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Remarks

The present response is to the Office Action mailed on June 02, 2005. Claims 1-10 are presented below for examination. Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Joachims in view of Lieberman of record, and further in view of Iyengar (U.S. 5,961,601), hereinafter Iyengar.

In response, applicant amends the claims to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of applicant's invention regarded as patentable. Applicant further provides argument in support of said amendments which will clearly and unarguably differentiate applicant's invention as claimed over the prior art presented by the Examiner, either singly or in combination.

Applicant amends the language of independent claim 1 to more specifically recite a system for network-based management and data summarization by a third party system for a client capturing URLs and user name and password pairs entered by the client for login during Internet navigation by the client to two or more sequential Websites, a server-side component operating at the third party system receiving the captured URLs and associated username and password pairs used by the client to log onto those individual Websites from the client-side component for each of the individual Websites, and a navigation and data-gathering component executed by a third party other than the client navigating to two or more sequential Websites. For convenience and as an aid in prosecution, applicant reproduces claim 1 as amended above.

Applicant's independent claim 7 recites a method for practicing applicant's invention in accordance with the limitations of claim 1, and has been similarly amended.

Regarding independent claim 1, the Examiner has stated that the reference of Joachims teaches a server-based application for helping a user to surf the Web by capturing URLs selected by a user, but that the reference fails to teach "data summarization". The Examiner adds however that Joachims teaches fetching Web pages

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by a user highlighting certain hyperlinks of said Web pages. The Examiner has also stated that the reference of Joachims further fails to teach gathering specific "content" from Web pages. The Examiner has relied on the reference of Lieberman for teaching this deficiency. The Examiner has further stated that the reference of Joachims does not specifically teach capturing usernames and passwords for later login for (on behalf of) the user, relying on the newly presented reference of Iyengar for teaching this deficiency.

However, applicant must respectfully point out to the Examiner (as in his admission) that the reference of Iyengar teaches a method of preserving state variables within a single Web page executing on a single server, said preservation including embedding user ID/session ID into a conversation (sequence of communications) so that re-authentication by a user is not necessary while the user visits the single Web page.

Iyengar provides a manner in which a client conducting a session with interactive Web page current at the same server by automatically authenticating the user navigating the Website at the single server by recording the user ID/session ID so that the user is not required to re-enter the authentication information more than once during the session. Iyengar simply teaches that the user ID/session ID is preserved such that the "conversation" during the visit by the user to the Web site is preserved, while the user navigates from one page to another within the single Web site presented by the single server.

For instance, it is common in e-commerce Websites allowing users to purchase products or services, or such as financial Websites wherein multiple accounts are maintained by a user, that the user is required to re-enter authentication data when confirming a purchase or conducting different transactions within different accounts maintained by the institution posting the Website. According to the teachings of Iyengar, when a user navigates to a particular Website, the user is able to visit lower-order hierarchical pages in the Web site to conduct transactions, such as purchases, funds transfers between accounts, etc. without having to re-enter authentication data as is required by the initial login to the Web site. The "conversation" preserved by the system of Iyengar equates to the same session between the client and the Web site executing within the same server, and the invention of Iyengar simply allows the user to conduct

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such transactions within the single Website without the need to enter the authentication data more than once during the session or "conversation" with the Website.

Applicant must point out to the Examiner however, that Iyengar does not teach collecting URLs and username/password pairs associated with the URLs at multiple Websites and providing the captured data to third party servers authorized to automatically re-authenticate the user, transparent to the user, upon subsequent visits to the multiple Websites.

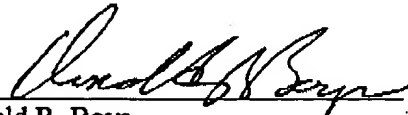
Applicant's invention in contrast, as is now specifically recited in the independent claims, teaches that user activity, including URLs visited and authentication data associated with those URLs entered by the user (client) distract from one Web site to another visited by the client, and automatic authentication is provided for the client navigating to the multiple sequential Websites so as to gather information from the Websites for summarization and presentation to the user. In applicant's invention, a client-side component captures URLs and user name and password pairs entered by the client for login during Internet navigation by the client to two or more sequential Websites, and a server-side component operating at a third party system other than the client, receiving the captured URLs and associated user name and password pairs, and a navigation and data-gathering component executed by a third party other than a client navigating to two or more sequential Websites on behalf of the client and logs in to the multiple Websites as the user, gathers information from the Web pages associated with the captured URLs, and summarizes and presents said data to the client for display on the client's browser.

Applicant strongly believes that this capability clearly and unarguably differentiates applicant's invention over the prior art presented by the Examiner, either singly or in combination, and independent claims 1 and 7 as amended now specifically recite these specific limitations as argued above by applicant. Applicant therefore believes that the independent claims as amended are now patentable over the prior art. Depending claims 2-6 and 8-10 are then patentable on their own merits, or at least as depended from the patentable claim.

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As all of the claims standing for examination are now patentable as amended over the art of record, applicant respectfully requests reconsideration, and that the present case be passed quickly to issue. If there are any time extensions needed beyond any extension specifically requested with this amendment, such extension of time is hereby requested. If there are any fees due beyond any fees paid with this amendment, authorization is given to deduct such fees from deposit account 50-0534.

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